

Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW12-08

06/23/2008

Mixture of Weather

For the week ending, June 22, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were **6.3** in Delaware and **5.8** days in Maryland. Showers and some wind began the week as cooler temperatures provided some relief to the region for most of the week. Warmer weather arrived on the weekend with more rain storms on Sunday. Most farmers made progress with plantings and harvesting with the limited rainfall. Farmers continue to deal with high fuel, chemical, seed, and fertilizer prices as field work progressed.

Vegetable growers started double cropping as early season crops were harvested. Growers were busy monitoring and controlling pests. **Fruit** growers continued to work orchards and monitor and control pests. Apple conditions were rated good in both states, however, peaches were rated good to excellent in Delaware and fair to good in Maryland. Strawberry harvest was wrapping up as both states passed the ninety percent mark. **Small grains** conditions varied in both states as crops were rated from fair to excellent. Most farmers completed planting corn, whereas, soybean growers were behind schedule. Recent weather conditions have hindered barley harvest and were behind schedule in both states. Winter wheat harvest now underway and some farmers reported lodging in barley and wheat fields. **Hay supplies** improved from previous week to adequate in both states. Cool, sunny days provided farmers the ability to harvest first cutting of dry hay and were ahead of schedule. **Pasture** conditions remained unchanged from previous week, and were rated fair to good in Delaware and good to excellent in Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	90	88	100	85	100	100	100	89
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	33	12	43	27	23	13	43	26
Barley, headed	100	100	98	79	100	100	98	99
Barley, turned	100	97	98	98	98	91	100	99
Barley harvested	47	42	78	67	72	45	78	57
Corn, planted	99	99	96	77	100	100	100	79
Corn, emerged	96	95	99	97	95	90	100	99
Cucumbers, planted	56	51	47	55	65	56	72	62
Cucumbers, harvested	5	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
Green Peas, harvested	86	72	57	60	62	43	82	69
Lima Beans, planted	68	60	74	62	49	32	64	51
Other Hay, 1st cutting	86	80	96	79	92	91	99	89
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	10	3	18	9	14	5	20	18
Snap Beans, planted	77	71	56	64	80	67	87	90
Snap Beans, harvested	9	0	1	2	1	0	1	1
Soybeans, planted	71	59	84	75	68	59	77	70
Soybeans, emerged	60	40	76	59	44	35	59	59
Strawberries, harvested	93	84	97	90	96	86	99	94
Sweet Corn, planted	86	80	93	90	81	73	90	82
Tomatoes, planted	92	90	91	92	92	82	97	89
Winter Wheat, headed	100	100	96	79	100	100	96	99
Winter Wheat, turned	97	65	86	83	89	80	98	85
Winter Wheat, harvested	13	3	17	13	10	1	16	11

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	12	84	4	0	1	12	74	13
Barley	3	11	18	58	10	0	4	12	62	22
Corn	2	5	20	47	26	1	7	42	40	10
Pasture	0	2	11	64	23	1	2	35	60	2
Peaches	0	0	33	52	15	0	1	9	65	25
Soybeans	2	4	29	56	9	0	6	59	29	6
Winter Wheat	0	8	18	53	21	0	3	9	67	21

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Maryland					Delaware			
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	3	2	2	0	3	0	1	0
Short	12	12	7	7	33	8	30	3
Adequate	80	81	87	88	62	87	68	95
Surplus	5	5	4	5	2	5	1	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
			Since Jan 1				
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP		0.34	22.83	3.64	87	52	71 -3
Frederick		0.80	24.33	5.41	85	51	68 -3
Frostburg		1.24	28.17	5.60	82	46	62 -3
Hagerstown		0.40	18.25	-0.22	84	51	69 -4
Mechanicsville		0.59	26.25	4.81	86	55	70 -4
Patuxent River		0.57	20.16	0.74	87	55	72 -2
Ocean City		0.72	18.74	-2.31	89	55	74 1
Salisbury		0.54	20.19	-0.67	89	47	69 -5
Sharpsburg		0.64	23.81	4.79	84	47	66 -4
Stevensville		0.77	27.00	6.84	86	61	73 -2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)		0.96	27.75	10.19	87	58	73 -4
Delaware							
Dover		0.15	19.28	-1.27	87	55	72 -3
Georgetown		0.13	16.57	-3.97	90	55	72 -1
Wilmington		0.11	19.44	0.16	87	53	71 -3

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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